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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

1. AFTER A QUIET NIGHT, KABUL AT 1200 APRIL 30 CONTINUES
CALM, AND LIFE FOR MOST RESIDENTS HAS RETURNED TO NEAR
NORMAL. MANY CHECKPOINTS REMAIN AFTER DARK, HOWEVER, AND WE
CONTINUE TO ADVISE ALL AMERICANS TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES
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REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER CURFEW HOURS MAY BE ESTABLISHED.
MOST TELEPHONE SERVICE HAS BEEN REESTABLISHED, BUT
TWO MARINE GUARDS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY SOLDIERS ON THE
STREET THAT FURTHER PHOTOGRAPHING OF EFFECTS OF THE FIGHTING
IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. WE ARE ADVISING THE COMMUNITY OF THIS
WARNING.

2. VARIOUS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE NATIONAL MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (NMRC) HAS RECEIVED ALLEGIANCE FROM MILITARY UNITS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY (INCLUDING MAZAR-I-SHARIF, HERAT, AND KANDAHAR), AND APPEARS IN CONTROL OF THESE KEY PROVINCIAL CITIES. THE TROOPS IN KABUL DO NOT APPEAR CONCERNED REGARDING POSSIBLE COUNTER-ACTION ON THE PART OF ANY OTHER FORCES.

3. SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE DAOUD CABINET WERE NOT OBSERVED YESTERDAY, THE FIRST FULL DAY OF WORK SINCE THE COUP. HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF DEPUTY MINISTERS WERE SEEN IN AND AROUND THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES, AND WE PRESUME THESE OFFICIALS ARE TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL BUREAUCRACIES.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS REPORTS REGARDING SURVIVORS AMONG THE DAOUD AND NAIM FAMILIES WHO ARE NOW BEING TREATED IN JAMHURIAT HOSPITAL. MANY OF THE REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING, BUT WHAT APPEARS DEFINITE IS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY SURVIVED THE SHOOTINGS WITHIN THE PALACE GROUNDS, AND THAT MOST ARE WOUNDED (SOME HAVE SINCE DIED IN THE HOSPITAL FROM THEIR WOUNDS). MRS. ZAHARA NAIM APPARENTLY IS UNSCATHED AND IS TENDING TO SOME OF THE INJURED IN THIS HOSPITAL.

5. THE BORDER WITH PAKISTAN IS REPORTEDLY OPEN FOR "LIGHT TRAFFIC", AND WE ARE INVESTIGATING WAYS TO TRANSPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PESHAWAR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO LEAVE KABUL. WE WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHEN SUCH ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED.
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